

THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.

Workingmen and The Gold Standard.

From a Recent Speech by James R. Sovereign.

It is not because silver is better than gold or other material for use as money that labor should advocate its free and unlimited coinage, but because a wholesome volume of primary money is absolutely necessary to the welfare of labor and industry, and because there is not now, there never was and there never will be a sufficiency of gold to adequately reward labor for its contributions to the wealth of the world.

The effort to suspend the coinage of silver is prompted by the desire to limit the debt paying money of the country to the metal most easily controlled by money-lenders. It is a scheme to increase and perpetuate incomes founded on debt. It is a scheme designed to force more bonds and mortgages on the people. It is more, it is a conspiracy designed to appreciate debts and depreciate labor and commodities by forcing the payment of existing debts in a deader kind of money than existed when the debts were contracted.

To conceal the real intentions of the conspirators and give their cunningly devised scheme the outward appearance of exalted honesty, the claim is made that a silver dollar of 412 1-2 grains is a dishonest dollar; that it is only a .53-cent dollar; that it has been padded out with 47 cents' worth of fiat; and that a poor man entitled to as good a dollar as the rich man's dollar, and on that line they are now shedding great, briny, humid tears. Oh, how they do appear to love the poor man now!

Let no working man be deceived by these alluring enticements of the social spider to the industrial fly. It is not the silver dollar that has been padded out with 47 cents worth of fiat; it is the gold dollar that has been over padded with 47 cents' worth of discriminating legislation and a one-sided public policy against silver in the payment of public obligations for which silver has always been a legal tender. The padding has all been in the gold side in the interest of the coupon clippers. The silver dollar pays just as much rent and taxes and buys just as much food and clothing for the poor man as the best gold dollar that was ever coined. It is a full 100 cent dollar in all the multifarious exchanges that minister to the wants and comforts of human life.

Every dollar issued by the United States is a 100 cent dollar. It would be as sensible to talk about a 2 quart gallon, a 2 peck bushel or a 6 inch foot as to talk about a dollar containing less than 100 cents. A dollar is a coin containing 100 cents used in computing actual value and is established by law and not by the quantity or quality of its material composition.

If it is necessary to put material costing a dollar into a dollar in order to make it good then it holds true that our present gold money is as cheap money as the poorest silver dollar this government ever coined and the argument so often made that 25, 8-10 grains of gold is a dollar because it cost a dollar's worth of labor to produce it falls to the ground.

In fact the whole theory that every coined dollar should contain a dollar's worth of metal is absurd, for the reason that there is no way of determining whether a dollar contains a dollar's worth of metal or not except by determining its actual value by the legal value of itself or by the legal value of some other kind of a dollar whose value is established and regulated by a law of Congress and not by its real worth as a commodity.

Let there be no surrender to the unfair and unjust proposition of the advocates of a single gold standard, in which they demand that the ratio of coinage shall be based on the commercial value of gold at a time when its commercial value is increased and the commercial value of silver is decreased by discriminating laws in favor of gold and against silver. Any such proposition is designed to make money scarcer and dearer, that the few may continue to rob the many without opposition or restraint.

If the character of a single gold standard is to be judged by its influence in this campaign, it must be conceded that its only mission on earth is to make threats against industry, intimidate the working people and demand for America the same laws and conditions on which rest the monarchies of the old world. A monetary system that is too cowardly to stand before the world on its own merits, but steals into the homes of the poor and demands the votes of the working people on threats of dis-charge; the monetary system that compels working people to lie to hold their jobs and forces them to year McKinley budgets whether they want to or not, and requires them to go on excursions to Canton, Ohio, against their will, is in conflict with the spirit of Republican government and too contemptible to command the support of a patriotic, liberty-loving people.

A GOOD POKER STORY

THE NEW MAN IN THE NEW HARMONY SELECT CIRCLE.

He Was In the Grocery Business and Didn't Know How to Play—However, He Joined the Party For Two Evenings and Sold Out His Grocery Store.

"I saw a story in a paper recently," said an old sport at Willard's the other day, "which told how two slick strangers from the Windy City milked a poker game in an Indiana town and got away with all the money in it. That reminds me of another story of the same order."

"In the town of New Harmony are found a number of gentlemen of great taste and considerable means. For years the mainstay of this crowd was playing euchre and whist, but this was entirely changed by the arrival of two characters who organized and taught a class in poker. The first of these was the son of a Frenchman, who lived on an island down the river. His father was worth in the neighborhood of \$200,000 or \$300,000, and he kept his boy well supplied with money.

"Well, this progressive young organized a poker game in the peaceful village of New Harmony. There were sixteen men in the party, and it was the custom once a week or more to meet at the hotel and indulge in a friendly, quiet game, but one where the only limit was the beautiful blue sky. The Frenchman played a game of blue from start to finish. He would play alone in the pews until some one thought he had a fair hand and would open for a few hundred dollars, when the Frenchman would shove from \$2,000 to \$5,000 dollars into the pot before the draw, and nine times out of ten the other man would have to go to the park."

"There was another player in the game, the hotel keeper, who was also in the pews. He was the only one who could beat the Frenchman. Time after time the latter would push in his card and send the hotel keeper to the park. But once in awhile the latter would catch his antagonist napping and could come back at him with another ace getting back in one pot all he had lost during the remainder of the evening."

A NEW SPIRIT IN HOUSEKEEPING.

There are hopeful signs that the boarding house epoch is giving way to an era of light housekeeping, and the economic importance of the change can hardly be overestimated. Not only does it indicate that the wealth producing population is being increased, but numbers of its members are servants, but it means also the intelligence of the country is coming to be enlisted in scientific methods of housekeeping. The New England matron may regulate the complex machinery of extensive household affairs according to the most approved methods, but it is nevertheless true that science in domestic matters has been awaiting the era of light housekeeping. Ignored and cheap labor and the natural enemies of industry—the battle is not yet fought, although labor saving appliances are at last slowly winning their way in the home.—Twenty-first Century Cookery.

ART IN ST. PETERS.

THE TIP TILTED.

The tip tilted hat is likely to destroy many reputations for beauty, as few women apparently still profile effects in the mirror. Along with the tooth and the nail brush the use of the hand glass ought to be obligatory. Then would we have spared the sight of passing women, possessed of scrawny necks, dragging scanty locks to the top of their heads and surmounting the tiny knot with a millinery structure which accentuates the hollowness of their cheeks and the unsymmetry of their noses. Well, to turn to the hat that over the eyes exceptional will be seen. Those who have not been accustomed to sleep in such objects, like their own peacocks.

In some cases they were willing to provide hats for the bed furnishings for a consideration, but they regarded one towel a week and one change of linen a month as ample.

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